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Water Resources Development Grant Program Fall 2022 Grant Awards

RALEIGH - North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Water Resources Development Grant Program awarded 11 State and Local grants. Awardees included:

1. **Wilkes County received \$200,000 for the Roaring River Park & Paddle Access.** This grant will provide financial assistance to develop a formal river access area, 2,640 linear-foot asphalt walking trail and associated facilities for public recreation along the Yadkin River.
2. **Village of Flat Rock received \$190,580 for the Dye Branch Flat Rock Park Stream Restoration.** This grant will provide financial assistance to restore approximately 3,285 linear feet of degraded stream, daylight nearly 450 linear feet of buried stream, plant eight acres of riparian buffer vegetation and replace culverts with bridges to allow for aquatic passage.
3. **New River Soil & Water Conservation District received \$158,100 for the South Fork New River Tributaries @ NERI Stream Restoration.** This grant will provide financial assistance to stabilize and enhance approximately 1,725 linear feet of unnamed tributaries and South Fork New River riverbank. Additionally, 1.2 acres of riparian buffer vegetation will be planted within the Wagoner Access area of New River State Park.
4. **Mitchell Soil & Water Conservation District received \$50,000 for the White Oak Creek Stream Restoration.** This grant will provide financial assistance to restore approximately 500 linear feet of degraded stream and plant 0.3 acres of riparian buffer vegetation adjacent to the Bakersville Creekwalk trail.
5. **McDowell County Board of Commissioners received \$50,000 for the Mill Creek Park Feasibility Study.** This grant will provide financial assistance for a feasibility study to assess the specific engineering and design aspects necessary to develop a recreation park along Mill Creek in downtown Old Fort.
6. **The Town of Lake Lure received \$200,000 for the Lake Lure Morse Park-Phase 1.** This grant will provide financial assistance for the redevelopment and enhancement of Morse Park including a 1,345 linear foot paved path, supporting recreational facilities and the installation of a bioretention area for stormwater management within an expanded parking lot.



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7. **Burke County received \$200,000 for the Canoe Creek Oak Hill Park Stream Restoration.** This grant will provide financial assistance to restore approximately 2,200 linear feet of degraded stream and plant two acres of riparian buffer vegetation within Oak Hill Park.
8. **Town of Belville received \$93,100 for the Belville Stormwater Feasibility Study.** This grant will provide financial assistance for a feasibility study to evaluate the efficiency of stormwater drainage, create a prioritized list of potential improvement projects and produce a final report to provide the Town with a strategic approach to improve stormwater drainage.
9. **Town of Nags Head received \$98,000 for the Nags Head Fishing Pier & Estuarine Access.** This grant will provide financial assistance to construct a 2,000 square foot fishing and recreation pier directly on Roanoke Sound, adjacent to an existing kayak launch and public parking lot.
10. **Henderson County Soil and Water Conservation District received \$50,000 for the Jackson Park Feasibility and Engineering Study.** This grant will provide financial assistance for a feasibility study to identify ways to improve stormwater management, floodplain connectivity, wetlands, recreational opportunities and evaluate stream restoration opportunities associated with Mud Creek, Bat Fork, and associated drainage ditches within the Park.
11. **Atlantic Beach received \$200,000 for the Circle Boardwalk Land Acquisition II Project.** This grant will provide financial assistance for the acquisition of the southernmost portion of two waterfront parcels to preserve in perpetuity as public space and further efforts to expand the Circle Regional Public Beach Access.

